

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

None of the claims are amended herein, claims 14-21 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1-13 and 22 are allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 22 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. OATH/DECLARATION

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the "application presents a claim for subject matter not originally claimed or embraced in the statement of the invention." A Supplemental Declaration is attached hereto to satisfy the requirements as set forth under 37 CFR § 1.67.

III. CONCLUSION

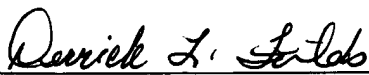
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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